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We have again reviewed our [illegible] concerning to the services, [illegible] and restrictions [illegible] in the light of the Department's CA-6095 of January 31, 1962. Paris has a special problem regarding CODELs which in our opinion makes it impossible to comply with the terms of this circular.

As the Department knows, Paris is centrally located in Europe and therefore, most CODELs leaving from New York or Washington pass through Paris. In fact, a CODEL may stop in Paris five or three times on a single trip. In order to cope with our unusual problem in Paris, the Embassy maintains special schedule on Congressional travel which in the past have been praised by Congressional visitors as efficient operation. Even a partial implementation of the policy requested would place severe burdens on the Chief of Mission and his Deputy in maintaining our overall responsibilities toward the French Government and other U.S. Government organizations.

Last year 134 separate CODELs numbering 512 members arrived in Paris. Each month of the year a number of CODELs visit Paris. However, the four month period September-December has the heaviest Congressional traffic. The attached tabulation of CODEL arrivals for the two busy months of October and November 1961 illustrate the impossible burden which would be placed on the Ambassador or the DCM if he attempted to meet all Congressional visitors at the airport.

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